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r/behindthebastards • 7d ago
That1weirdperson That's Rad. Top 1% Poster

Hundreds of America's wild horses reportedly sent to slaughter under Trump

It is happening here

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JakeHelldiver • 7d ago
I wonder how long it'll take for them to end up in the ground beef.

dalthorn • 7d ago
Kissinger was a war criminal
Around the exact time this came out so did Trump saying that he has a new source of cheap beef to sell to undercut American ranchers.

JakeHelldiver • 7d ago
"Product for ground beef."

He announced a "product" for ground beef. The meat is going be adulterated.

BuffaloSabresFan • 7d ago
Came here to say this! Anytime words like product, drink, cocktail,etc. are used when referring to food, be wary (ex. cheese product, orange juice drink, cranberry juice cocktail).

tigolebigers • 7d ago
Unfortunately it seems that cheap source of beef was Argentinian beef that got rejected by China due to bad antibiotics in the meat.

aintnotnever • 7d ago
Antibiotics that are supposed to be banned and can cause aplastic anemia in humans. Which means your bone marrow stops making all the different types of blood cells you need to live.

Plus a laundry list of other potential horrific side effects. We are not eating beef in this house for a while and honestly I wanted to cut back on red meat anyway lol

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iggy_poop • 7d ago
I thought he made some lowball deal with one of the Amazon rain forest countries to buy their beef cuz it's more wasteful for no reason, or something

nerdhobbies • 7d ago
I thought it was buying up all of the meat China rejected for failure to meet safety standards.

WoodShoeDiaries • 7d ago
The Argentinian beef, yeah - I wouldn't put it past him to do both, given that he's buddies with Milei and it's apparently a *lot* of beef in need of a good home.

ExtraEmu_8766 • 7d ago
I thought maybe he was lying and just saying because papers would print it and news would cover and his voters would be like 'yay!' rather than actually look into it. Either could be true tho. Wouldn't surprise me.

Ozzie_the_tiger_cat • 7d ago
Who's to say ut hasn't already?

Pierce_H_ • 7d ago
Not to be contrarian and it may be the case these regulations have been rolled back, but horse meat is treated like a controlled substance in the meat packing and rendering industry because horses are often put down with strong barbiturates and those chemicals can remain even after the rendering process. The company I work for has immediately cancelled any contract with a client whose animal by-products have tested positive for horse. As far as I know horse meat that is sold on the market is strictly sourced and tested to ensure sedatives don't end up in the final product.

WoodShoeDiaries • 7d ago
The alternative theory is tainted Argentinian beef, so 😩

MessiahOfMetal • 7d ago
Disdain and Animosity Top 1% Commenter
Considering how tainted regular US beef is and how it doesn't meet European human consumption standards, what would be different?

WoodShoeDiaries • 7d ago
The beef tested positive for an illegal antibiotic that can cause some kind of anemia in humans. It's for sure worse than usual.

JakeHelldiver • 7d ago
Well, since the horses haven't been slaughtered yet I'd wager causality.

MercuryInCanada • 7d ago
Causality in this fuck ass time line is assured

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sm00thkillajones • 7d ago
Yup. All of a sudden we'll have a ground meat surplus for some reason.

cats_catz_kats_katz • 7d ago
Right? No one is asking about this? WTF

sm00thkillajones • 7d ago
They're not allowed to ask or they lose access.

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JEveryman • 7d ago
Let them eat horse?

razzark666 • 7d ago
Quebeckers have entered the chat.

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hells_cowbells • 7d ago
Anyway, like I was sayin', horse is the fruit of the land. You can barbecue it, boil it, broil it, bake it, saute it. Dey's uh, horse-kabobs, horse creole, horse gumbo. Pan fried, deep fried, stir-fried. There's pineapple horse, lemon horse, coconut horse, pepper horse, horse soup, horse stew, horse salad, horse and potatoes, horse burger, horse sandwich. That- that's about it.

jbnielsen416 • 7d ago
Soon to be sold at your local grocery store.

Nazarife • 7d ago
Good. As others have noted, there are very good reasons to limit the population of feral horses.

There are also thousands of horses bred for horse racing every year that end up being discarded or abandoned, putting an incredible strain on rescues or other animal welfare services or just being left to rot in place for 20+ years. The horse racing industry is another bastard, unsurprisingly.

It's unclear to me why we should be upset that these social, emotionally intelligent ungulates be eaten while others, like goats, sheep, cattle, and pigs are acceptable.

Jaerat • 7d ago
A reasonable opposition to eating horse meat is that the animals abandoned by the racing industry have not been reared for meat, and may contain medications unsuitable for human consumption. Though, looking at the current state FDA, probably not a priority for the regulators at this particular moment in time.

TrickySnicky • 7d ago
Doctor Reverend Top 1% Commenter
All that matters to JFK's FDA is that it's protein

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CrazyBreadPresident • 7d ago
'Cause they're gonna sell it to us as beef dawg

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teslawhaleshark • 7d ago
West Prussian - Infected with Polish Blood
Horsemeat is fine, but it will be pretended to be beef, no sanitary checks whatsoever

TrickySnicky • 7d ago
Doctor Reverend Top 1% Commenter
Good old Nondescript American Protein

Wanderhoden • 7d ago
cries in unregulated trichinella infections

LMGooglyTFY • 7d ago
I think it's either because many people see their horses as family like a dog or cat, or because a horse meat industry would lead to horses being stolen for slaughter left and right

TrickySnicky • 7d ago
Doctor Reverend Top 1% Commenter
The latter is certainly the most prescient concern

wolfayal • 7d ago
Horses being abducted for slaughter has unfortunately been happening in the US for decades. Most common in Florida where the horses are sometimes straight up butchered in the field and the meat smuggled out of the country, either to Mexico or Canada.

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13SilverSunflowers • 7d ago
There are cullings every few years, as I understand it. Humans removed the native predators that could have done the work, so unless humans do the predatoring themselves the equine herds will be as nothing but mammals thus destined to do it as they are wont to do unto the Discovery channel.

Frozentexan77 • 7d ago
There arent native predators of modern horses in north America because modern horses arent native to north America

CashMoneySwagRepeat • 7d ago
Somewhat, there aren't native predators of modern horses in the America's due to a combination of climate change and conflict/interaction with humans, but not due to them not being native. (However, wolves and mountain lion are natural predators)

It's not the most common knowledge, but modern horses trace their lineage back to ancestors in the Americas. They lived here for thousands of years before disappearing 10,000ish years ago.

Tldr: Horses are from here, disappeared for a few thousand years before being brought back by Europeans, and some of their natural predators still live here.

13SilverSunflowers • 7d ago
But there were predators that would have filled the roll in the long long ago. Best we could expect now is a catamount or a puma or a mountain lion or a sufficiently coked up grizzly. "nature" can only do so much when we get involved. For better or worse humanity turned vast stretches of this continent into a garden and when the new tenants rolled up they kinda fucked it six ways to Sunday. When a critter is out of control in the garden you only have two options, leave it be or get rid of it. Like it or not horses are generally considered out of control and thus the cullings. The only reason they aren't hinted recreationally is a nostalgic yearning the American mind has for the drama of the old west and a soft spot most people who have never had to make the choice to control a pest have for critters in general.

cabbagepoacher • 6d ago
As far as I know horses are native to America but were hunted to extinction during the ice age and reintroduced by the spainish.

NNyNIH • 7d ago
The fuckin' Pinkertons
As an Australian it was interesting seeing the reports of this. We have a whole issue with feral horses here and people forming a cultural attachment to an animal that is devastating our national parks.

Beneficial-Papaya504 • 7d ago
It is very much the same here.
Friends in the BLM have the task of keeping these herds from growing too large and people think that these feral animals should be protected at all costs (including western politicians and their spouses).
It's really weird seeing rage posts, about these animals being culled, by people who would otherwise support protecting our public lands.

NNyNIH • 7d ago
The fuckin' Pinkertons
For a sec I thought you meant Black Lives Matter and I was wildly confused… I imagined Black Panthers hunting herds if horses!

Yeah we get the same here about brumby's with people who are furiously against culling them but have no qualms with other feral animals.

EatonMagoo • 7d ago
Hate to say it but- it's about time. They're incredibly destructive to the western environment and harmful to native species. In many areas out west their numbers are an order of magnitude beyond what the habitat can support meaning many starve to death. Without natural predators they are incredibly bad for the environment out there.

spez_eats_nazi_ass • 7d ago
We need to just bite the bullet and bring back Pleistocene era mega fauna predators to deal w the over population. Smilodon and short face bear will handle this.

EatonMagoo • 7d ago
You're on the right track. Robert could probably do an episode on horses being environmental bastards. I say all this as a horse owner.

Competitive_Owl5357 • 7d ago
Only if he does an episode on outdoor cats, which I dare say are bigger bastards than horses by far but would attract more controversy from irresponsible owners. Don't even get me started on invasive plants and their apologists.

theshate • 7d ago
This is one of my favorite tidbits to bring up to people to get them upset. Wild how bad outdoor cats are

downhereforyoursoul • 7d ago
Top 1% Commenter
Outdoor cats also have much shorter lives because they tend to die violently, either hit by cars or tangling with other animals like dogs or raccoons. If people love their cats and want them to be healthy, they should be aware of that and keep them indoors. That usually gets more traction I think.

nleksan • 7d ago
It's wild that we had to *invent* a "natural" predator for cats.

And we had to make them out of steel and built around barely-containing thousands of explosions every minute.

And *even then*… Cats absolutely win unless the car is in motion

MidwesternNightmare • 7d ago
My one-brain-celled orange boy was either a feral or stray outdoor cat before he was caught and taken to a shelter when he was about 4.

He lost the tips of his ears to frostbite, had a broken leg at some point, lost most of his teeth, was shot with birdshot some of which is still logged in a different leg that they can't remove, and some that was removed from his tail, but has lead to reoccurring cysts that have had to be surgically removed, and now at 12 years old is has to have his tail amputated because of.

While I'm so grateful he's a part of my life, and that I get to spoil him with the finest things unfetterd capitalism can manufacture only for him to sun bath all day instead… absolutely fuck whoever left him outside because besides the ecological impact, that choice has cost him so much.

spez_eats_nazi_ass • 7d ago
"bring up to people to get them upset" As someone involved in TNR and has is maxed out currently thanks to the CDS and shitty owners - you are not actually helping things. The kinds of fucked up things people do to cats in the name of "too many of them" is off the charts.

theshate • 7d ago
It's less of random people and more of cat owners who brag about having outdoor cats. Not just going around upsetting everyone

LekgoloCrap • 7d ago
Yeah I agree they're bad for local ecosystems but I also have memories as a kid of how they dealt with too many cats and it was really sad.

juliana-crain • 7d ago
What are TNR and CDS?

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EatonMagoo • 7d ago
Outdoor cats= by far the biggest bastards.

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jprefect • 7d ago
One Pump = One Cream
They need to bring Joe Cassabian on for the episode. The man has a powerful equestrian hatred. He's also a reverend doctor of Eastern Horseodoxy.

Beginning-Pop3127 • 7d ago
Top 1% Commenter
Sounds like we need some genetically engineered dire wolves

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RabidTurtl • 7d ago
Top 1% Commenter
Lets just work our way up to gorillas, who will simply freeze to death when wintertime rolls around.

skildert • 7d ago
They just need to be replaced by the bison that were there 200 years ago. Just imagine herds of millions of them roaming across the grasslands.

I've been told that horses originally came from the Americas, but that was millions of years ago, so they stopped being native when they moved out.

downhereforyoursoul • 7d ago
Top 1% Commenter
Closer to about 10,000 years ago, but that's correct, horses originated on the American continent and migrated before dying out.

TheBalrogofMelkor • 7d ago
Horses and bison are different. Bison are ruminents, horses are not. It means their grazing patterns are different, and their poop is different. Horses also rip grass up instead of cutting, meaning that long lived perennial grasses are going to be replaced with short lived annual grasses (many of which are invasive, like downy broke).

Yes you can have horse dominated grasslands, but that has never been an ecosystem native to North America (even when horses were around there was a ton of other megafauna and the horses were smaller).

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publicram • 7d ago
Ya same for cows that are roaming the national forest they are no longer domesticated and just destroying water sources .

Substantial_Lab1438 • 7d ago
Antifa shit poster
I'm seeing conflicting reporting about this, or maybe I'm just not informed of the nuances here

Why are tribes calling for a 2-year halt on horse eradication if the horses are destructive to the environment?

SlimPissings • 7d ago
According to your article, theyre culturally important to their tribe and they feel the government is entroaching on their land, and they want a less cruel way to manage their population. All these can be true while also acknowledging that they're invasive and destructive to the environment.

Substantial_Lab1438 • 7d ago
Antifa shit poster
That's a great point

Looks like I was too quick to post the article without having fully read it

My bad 😄

Frozentexan77 • 7d ago
Because native people arent inherently right on all environmental issues purely because they are native?

They benefit the tribe both culturally and financially. Plus they for obvious reasons are not a fan of the federal government.

Native people have a better environmental track record than Europeans but that doesn't mean they are always ecologically correct.

Substantial_Lab1438 • 7d ago
Antifa shit poster
I agree with you on your last point, but think it's important to note that cultural significance can be a sign of ecological significance as well

I wouldn't agree with a statement like "natives are always correct on the environment", but would imagine that it's quite rare for cultural practices dating back so many centuries to turn out to be "bad for the environment", otherwise those cultural practices would have destroyed the societies that practiced them

Obviously it's still possible of course

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Frozentexan77 • 7d ago
Yeah people seem to have a weird blind spot where they dont consider them an invasive species for some reason.

Makingthecarry • 7d ago
Not more harmful than cattle ranching, and it's Western cattle ranchers who lobby for wild horse removal to remove competition for (as you point out) scarce forage and water

TrickySnicky • 7d ago
Doctor Reverend Top 1% Commenter
Which doesn't jibe with his policy allowing federal park land to be open for industrial use

CallistanCallistan • 7d ago • Edited 7d ago
As I keep seeing in comment threads as this story gets posted across subreddits, people are really missing the larger issue here:

Regardless of anyone's personal views on feral horses, the Trump Administration's activities here should not be seen as any kind of victory for conservation.

The Trump Administration is violating federal law. They are lying to the American public about it. And they are enabling a small number of wealthy individuals to extract private profit for themselves from a public resource through illegal means.

Just because you happen to support the end goal doesn't mean you can ignore the means by which that goal was achieved.

Additionally, the horses also are not being removed for environmental conservation purposes. The horses are being removed so greater numbers of privately-owned cattle can be grazed, and privately-owned mining companies can extract, from public lands. There is no plan to rehabilitate land after the feral horses have been removed.

Just like the ongoing attempt to change the definition of "harm" in the Endangered Species Act to exclude habitat destruction, this is a way for the Trump Administration to remove protections against resource development on public lands.

All the better if they can suddenly get one of their biggest detractors, environmentalists, to be on their side.

There is a conversation to be had about re-evaluating how feral horses are managed in the United States. But through corrupt, covert, illegal means lacking transparency or accountability is not the correct way.

animimi • 6d ago
Feminist Icon
Thank you. Yes, this exactly. I wish I could give you an award for this comment so people would pay more attention.

1 more reply

jaehaerys48 • 7d ago
These horses are not a native species. It's a bit complicated because horses originated in North America, and then spread into Eurasia before going extinct in North America. But this species, Equus feruus, is not native to North America. If there were more predators around you could justify having them be a substitute for their extinct ancestors in a rewilding project, but there aren't as many predators around as there were when horses were last native to the Americas.

HippyGrrrl • 7d ago • Edited 5d ago
And we outlawed motorized vehicle roundups for wild horses and burros on Sept. 8, 1959.

On Dec. 18, 1971, Nixon did something useful and signed a bill for protection (and, yes, management) of the wild horses and burros. This limits population numbers.

Now, the US does export horses ~~meat~~, already.

Hi_Trans_Im_Dad • 7d ago
No, the US does NOT export horse *meat*. The US exports live horses to Mexico and others for slaughter. But no horse meat is processed in the US legally.

HippyGrrrl • 5d ago
You are correct. I've paid almost zip attention to slaughter because I don't partake of meat.

Here's what I found:

The slaughter of horses in the U.S. occurred as recently as 2007. The practice has since dissolved when Congress took away funding from USDA inspectors to oversee horse slaughterhouses. Only USDA-approved meat can be sold to the public—meaning selling horse meat is effectively illegal.
The U.S. shifted focus to transporting horses outside its borders. Every year, over 20,000 horses are sent to Mexico and Canada. Old, injured racehorses and former companions are sold at auction, then transported hundreds of miles in overcrowded trucks. They suffer injuries, weight loss, fatigue, dehydration, and shipping fever—a respiratory disease associated with long-distance transport.
Animal Equality's undercover investigation found U.S. horses awaiting slaughter in Zacatecas, Mexico. Here, horses were found with yellow USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) stickers. Their origin was confirmed by a veterinarian.
Animal Equality has also investigated the slaughter of American horses in Mexico. These animals were often killed while conscious.

Makingthecarry • 7d ago
The only people lobbying for culls are the cattle ranchers out West. Cattle ranching is more harmful to the arid western environment than the horses are. Cattle need far more water than the West can provide, so they lobby the government to spend absurd amounts culling competition for forage and water.

wriestheart • 7d ago • Edited 7d ago
You mean an invasive species that's just about as destructive as swine but look pretty and have better PR?

Faux-Foe • 7d ago
Cats?

crimson23locke • 7d ago
People.

wriestheart • 7d ago
I said "just about as" not "more destructive than" lol

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KermitMcKibbles • 7d ago
Are we great again?

Ok-disaster2022 • 7d ago
This isn't new. Feral animals in the wild have to be culled and not every one will go to people looking to by a horse for cheap. most invasive species are not protected and many state allowed year round hunting if them. Feral horses get protections because people like horses.

And I call them feral and not wild as just like cows there no extant wild reapresentaives if the species. All horses have genetics shared by domestication, except we don't know when the last wild horse died, we do know that wild cows aka the aurochs died in like the 17th century

shermanhill • 7d ago
Wolves would be a good solution here.

Makingthecarry • 7d ago
Cattle ranchers don't like wolves either, and that's the industry that lobbies so heavily for wild horse culls

shermanhill • 7d ago
Well, cattle ranchers suck ass. Their cows are the biggest part of the problem.

sellieba • 7d ago
"Beef".

OliLevasseurLaBuse • 7d ago
Yeah I've seen this ragebait article making the rounds this week. That's an invasive species. Im sorry you think they are cute.

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JustOneVote • 7d ago
New FDA labeling requirements: horse meat can now be labeled as beef.

See? He fixed it.

Yeffstopherson • 7d ago
The real bastardry here is that we have to pay larger amounts of money to contractors to capture and "relocate" them compared to the cost of eliminating them efficiently in the field. Imagine if wild hogs had to be captured and sold because of weird sentimentality.

CrowsInTheNose • 7d ago
They are feral. Horses are not native to America. They also compete for resources with native animals.

WyomingDrunk • 7d ago
Feral horses*

FloppiestMemes • 7d ago • Edited 7d ago
This horse population is culled every few years as I understand. I don't know the full legal history of these horses but they are a problem.

Edit: BLM usually just rounds up and sell some when the population gets too large. I do think they should be treated like peccary. I need to stress these are not native horses. They are descendants of escaped Spanish horses from the 1600's.

PennCycle_Mpls • 6d ago
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The pedant in me goes ape shit when people call feral animals "wild"

It's not that hard. If it's a domesticated species, it's not wild. It's feral. They *can't* be *wild*. Because words mean things.

One-Pause3171 • 7d ago
Why does that sounds so insane? So 1600s era horses don't have any right to graze? Escaped! Horses! Spanish!!

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Octavia9 • 7d ago
They need to get that cheap "product for ground beef" from somewhere. Buy from a local farmer.

Fancybear1993 • 7d ago
Not to defend the orange bugger, but what does Trump really have to do with this?

Sleepy_Potato2 • 7d ago
Sponsored by Knife Missiles ™ Top 1% Commenter
So now we know where all the new "beef" Trump has been talking about is coming from

jgoose132113 • 7d ago
Where do you think the pedo is getting his mystery "beef" from?

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1 Play Nice
Be kind to everyone, except history's greatest monsters. This includes people you do not agree with.

2 Respect CZM Guests and Staff
This rule was originally requested by the BTB staff, as people have declined to be guests because of negative comments on this subreddit. Respectful, constructive criticism about most hosts is permitted, however Sophie and Prop are off-limits as conversations about them tend veer into bigotry.

3 Uphold Sitewide Rules
This includes things like threats, glorification or encouragement of violence, brigading, doxxing, ban evasion etc.

4 No Bigotry
Racism, Sexism, Transphobia, Ableism, all that stuff is shitty.

5 No Trolling
No trolling, no sealioning, and no sealioning when you're called out for trolling.

6 No Reposting
Do not repost anything that has been posted in the last 6 months

7 No AI Content
No low effort/AI content unless specifically requested by the host or guest. Example would be the Thomas Kincaid episodes and Robert's request for a Kincaid style strip club or something. Whatever it was.

8 No Linking to Right-Wing Sites
This includes Meta websites, Twitter/X, Rumble, Truth Social, etc.

Alternative hostings are permitted.

9 Conservatives, Supporters of Authoritarianism, Zionism, Fascism, and Nazism are not welcome
Conservatives, supporters of authoritarianism, zionism, fascism, and nazism are not welcome. This includes spreading right-wing misinformation related to current events.

10 No Meta Posts
No meta posts to complain about r/behindthebastards or its users. See all: Rule #1 and Rule #2.

11 Clean Your Links
Do not post any links with trackers in them. This denies tech companies our data and therefore money and a tiny bit of political influence, and is a very easy habit to get into. Links with trackers will be removed but may be reinstated if the link is updated to a clean link. Often, this is as easy as removing the ? and everything after it.

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